

Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 7th day of April 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign Trade Zones Board.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-357-007]

Carbon Steel Wire Rod From Argentina; Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; Extension of Time Limit

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit of the preliminary results of the antidumping duty administrative review of Carbon Steel Wire Rod from Argentina. This review covers the period November 1, 1997 through October 31, 1998.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 29, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen Kramer or Linda Ludwig, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0405 or 482-3833, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Owing to the complexity of model match issues in this case, it is not practicable to complete this review within the original time limit. See Decision Memorandum from Joseph A. Spetrini, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Group III, to Robert S. LaRussa, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated April 20, 1999. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until September 30, 1999, in accordance with Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Trade and Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act of 1994.

Dated: April 20, 1999.

Roland MacDonald,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-580-839, A-583-833]

Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Certain Polyester Staple Fiber From the Republic of Korea and Taiwan

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 29, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Thirumalai and Marian Wells, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3099, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4087 and (202) 482-6309, respectively.

Initiation of Investigations

The Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 as amended ("the Act") by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA"). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the provisions codified at 19 CFR part 351 (1998).

The Petition

On April 2, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") received a petition filed in proper form by E.I. DuPont de Nemours, Inc.; NanYa Plastics Corporation, America; Artega Specialties S.a.r.l., d/b/a KoSa; Wellman, Inc.; and Intercontinental Polymers, Inc., hereinafter collectively referred to as "the petitioners." (However, NanYa Plastics Corporation, America is not a petitioner in the Taiwan case.)

In accordance with section 732(b) of the Act, the petitioners allege that imports of certain polyester staple fiber ("polyester fiber") from the Republic of Korea ("Korea") and Taiwan are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 731 of the Act, and that such imports are both materially

injuring and threatening further material injury to an industry in the United States.

The Department finds that the petitioners filed this petition on behalf of the domestic industry because they are interested parties as defined in section 771(9)(C) of the Act and they have demonstrated that they account for at least 25 percent of the total production of the domestic like product and more than 50 percent of the production of the domestic like product produced by that portion of the industry expressing support for, or opposition to, the petition (see "Determination of Industry Support for the Petition" section, below).

Scope of the Investigations

For purposes of these investigations, the product covered is certain polyester staple fiber. Certain polyester staple fiber is defined as synthetic staple fibers, not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning, of polyesters measuring 3.3 decitex (3 denier, inclusive) or more in diameter. This merchandise is cut-to-lengths varying from one inch (25 mm) to five inches (127 mm). The merchandise subject to these investigations may be coated, usually with a silicon or other finish, or not coated. Certain polyester staple fiber is generally used as stuffing in sleeping bags, mattresses, ski jackets, comforters, cushions, pillows, and furniture. Merchandise of less than 3.3 decitex (less than 3 denier) classified under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") at subheading 5503.20.00.20 is specifically excluded from these investigations. Also specifically excluded from these investigations are polyester staple fibers of 10 to 18 denier that are cut-to-lengths of 6 to 8 inches (fibers used in the manufacture of carpeting).

The merchandise subject to these investigations is classified in the HTSUS at subheadings 5503.20.00.40 and 5503.20.00.60. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under investigation is dispositive.

During our review of the petition, we discussed the scope with the petitioners to ensure that the scope language accurately reflects the product for which they are seeking relief. Moreover, as discussed in the preamble to the Department's regulations (62 FR 27323), we are setting aside a period for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage. The Department encourages all parties to submit such comments by May 12, 1999. Comments should be addressed to Import Administration's